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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RULE 312 AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

A *Rule 312 Amendment* was filed June 29, 2004, in order to amend claims 49 and 56 to include the feature of electrical isolation, a feature which was recited in other claims and inadvertently omitted from claims 49 and 56. In a *Response to Rule 312 Communication* dated November 17, 2004, the Official Action asserts that "[e]ntry of the amendment has been disapproved, since the proposed amendment is not supported by the originally-filed specification or figures" (page 2, Paper No. 11122004). The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the above assertion in the Official Action.

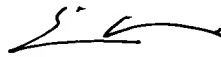
Initially, it is noted that allowed claim 63 in the present application already recites this feature. Presumably, claim 63 does not suffer from a lack of support. Therefore, it should follow that claims 49 and 56, as amended, do not suffer from a lack of support.

In any event, electrical isolation of thin film transistors is discussed throughout the specification and drawings, for example, at page 1, line 14+; page 4, line 1+; page 11, line 2+; page 16, line 2+; page 25, line 8+; Figure 6(A); and in the abstract. In particular, it is noted that the Summary of the Invention beginning at page 4, line 6, teaches the following: "The present invention comprises electrically isolating the

elements (e.g. the transistors) from each other not by cutting the silicon film but by selectively and thermally oxidizing the silicon film in the temperature range of from 500 to 650 °C. The silicon film to be oxidized may be either an amorphous film or a crystalline film." Therefore, the originally filed specification and drawings fully support the feature of oxidizing a crystallized semiconductor film for electrically isolating a plurality of thin film transistors from one another. Reconsideration of the disapproval and entry of the *Rule 312 Amendment* are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

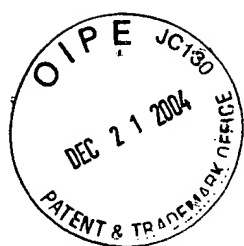
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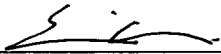
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